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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### ANOTHER VICTORY FOR MARYLEBONE C.C.

London, Nov. 28.  
A telegram from Grahamstown states that Marylebone C.C. defeated a Fifteen of Grahamstown and College by an innings and thirty-three runs.

### A NEW AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR.

London, Nov. 28.  
The Hon. Arthur Lyph Stanley has been appointed to succeed Sir John Fleetwood Fuller, K.C.M.G., as Governor of Victoria, the latter having resigned on account of ill-health.  
Hon. A. L. Stanley is the eldest son of the fourth Baron Sheffield and was called to the Bar in the Inner Temple in 1902. From 1906 to 1910 he represented the Eddisbury Division, Cheshire, in the Liberal interest.

### INQUIRY INTO THE "VOLTURNO" DISASTER.

Gallant Tradition of the Sea Followed.

London, Nov. 27.  
At the Board of Trade inquiry into the burning of the *Volturno* in mid-ocean, Counsel for the Board stated that the vessel carried nineteen boats, accommodating 150 more people than were aboard. It was a remarkable fact, after the experience of the *Titanic*, that the loss of life would have been less if the *Volturno* had had no boats. All the boats used came to grief, and many persons were drowned. The *Volturno's* cargo consisted of barrels of oil, coal, and straw, and the Captain, and those who knew, believed that the ship might sink at any moment. The Captain, Chief Engineer, and two sailors laboured throughout the night making rafts which, happily, might save some of the 300 or 400 aboard. When the rescuing boats arrived the Captain told the emigrants to jump into the sea. They refused, whereupon engineers and several seamen jumped to show them the way.

Lord Desart, who is presiding at the inquiry, said that the gallant tradition of the sea was followed.

### NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION CONFERENCE.

Feeling Against Increased Naval Estimates.

London, Nov. 27.  
The Conference of the National Liberal Federation at Leeds was chiefly remarkable for the feeling shown against the increase in the Navy Estimates.

Date of General Election.

Mr. Ullingworth, the Chief Whip, announced that a General Election would not take place before 1915.

### GERMANY AND ESPIONAGE.

Need for Strengthening the Law.

London, Nov. 27.  
The new Espionage Bill, introduced in the German Reichstag yesterday, penalises the publication of military secrets in the Press.  
Herr Falken Hayn and Admiral von Tirpitz dwelt in their speeches upon the spread of espionage of late years and the need of strengthening the law.

### THE COLOMBIA CONCESSIONS.

Messrs. Parsons Withdraw.

London, Nov. 27.  
The American Press has been criticising the concessions made to Messrs. Parsons to build railways, docks, quays, canals, telegraphs, and telephones, and to search for and exploit oil deposits in the republic of Colombia. It is likely to lead to Anglo-American friction.

Messrs. Parsons Ltd. in a letter to the papers to-day, announce that they have received a cablegram from Lord Murray, who obtained the concessions against opposition by European and American firms, stating that they were willing to accept the conditions of the concessions.

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### THE SOUTH AFRICA INDIAN PROBLEM.

LORD HARDING'S LETTER CRITICISED.

London, Nov. 27.  
The *Daily News* says that Lord Hardinge speaks with remarkable severity, but the problem of the Indians in South Africa has been seriously misjudged. It was both necessary and satisfactory that the voice of India should make itself heard peremptorily. It is now incumbent upon the Imperial Government to intervene without further delay.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that the antagonism of the Governments of India and South Africa was serious enough without the aggravation of personal recriminations by General Botha and the Viceroy. Neither was as careful in his language as was desirable, and we particularly regret the undiplomatic language of an experienced diplomat like Lord Hardinge. Perhaps his was the original mistake in approaching the South African Government direct, but General Botha's Government would do well to grant a full enquiry.

A Matter for South Africa to Settle.

London, Nov. 28.  
It is declared in authoritative quarters that the settlement of the Indian question is a matter for South Africa herself to deal with. The hope is expressed that with moderation and conciliation a satisfactory solution will be reached. In the meantime the suggestion that departmental conferences are being held with the view to action being taken by the Imperial authorities is erroneous. The fact is that the India Office, whose task is much easier than that of the Colonial Office, is duly communicating with the latter department its views and recommendations, which will doubtless be forwarded to the proper quarters.

When a Diplomat "Breaks Loose."

The *Westminster Gazette*, commenting upon Lord Hardinge's speech at Madras, says that the Viceroy illustrates the maxim that when a diplomat does break loose he goes further than other people.

We may judge from his speech, the article continues, "that the treatment of Indians in South Africa has produced a position of real urgency in India, a position requiring the Viceroy to make clear his sympathies with the Indians and that he will fight their battles. The speech from that point of view will doubtless have a salutary effect, and we hope that South Africans will endeavour to put themselves in the place of the Viceroy and realise the extreme difficulty of his position. Nothing can be done unless South Africans do it of their own free will, but it is precisely an appeal for free will assistance upon which we rely."

Tension Eased in India.

London, Nov. 28.  
A telegram from Delhi states that Lord Hardinge's speech has eased the tension in India. The native press has adopted a more conciliatory tone and at meetings which are being held throughout the country gratitude is being expressed for the Viceroy's outspoken speech, and the feeling of them is that he has rendered a great service not only to India but to the whole Empire.

The Rev. W. Pearson, of the London Missionary Society, leaves Delhi to-day for Durban.

### UNITED STATES RECORD ARMY ESTIMATE.

London, Nov. 27.  
Reuter's Washington correspondent telegraphs that the Army estimates are \$108,000,000, which is the largest on record.

### AIRMAIL FRAGMENTS IN FRANCE.

A German discovery.  
London, Nov. 27.  
Reuter's London correspondent telegraphs that a German airmail fragment, containing a letter from the German Emperor to the Kaiser of Russia, was discovered in France.

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### ANOTHER BRITISH BATTLESHIP LAUNCHED.

London, Nov. 28.  
The battleship *Emperor of India* has been launched at Barrow, Lady Islington performed the ceremony.

### EMPIRE PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES.

Motherland and Her Dominions.

London, Nov. 27.  
Viscount Haldane, presiding at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel in honour of the visit of the Empire Parliamentary representatives, expressed the hope that the visit of their overseas colleagues to the Motherland would be more frequent. We had much to learn of what was going on in the Dominions, but the common purpose animating the Motherland and the Dominions was developing more rapidly than we perhaps realised.

### HOME STOCK MARKETS.

Mr. P. C. Potts received the following letter by to-day's Siberian mail from his London agents, Messrs. L. Powell, Sons and Co.:

Dear Sir,  
The Stock Markets have suffered heavily from another week of depression. This is to a considerable extent due to the nervousness felt with regard to the latest Mexican developments, but overshadowing this in importance is the continuance of monetary stringency. Investors in all countries seem to be imbued with a stand-from-under feeling, a fear that financial difficulties in Paris and Canada are more serious than appears on the surface. The City market has been exceptionally steady. This is, no doubt, owing to the desire of many persons to re-invest their money in absolutely safe securities, and many of the recent Colonial issues offer a good chance of appreciation in capital value as well as certainty of interest payments. Home Railways have accounted for heavy selling throughout the week (chiefly from the provinces) and all the leaders are marked several points down.

In the Mining section chief attention has been centred on De Beers which have fallen 4 on Paris sales and Goldfields, which are flat on a large reduction of the dividend.

The Rubber Auctions have passed off satisfactorily. A steady tone throughout was shown. Some 950 tons were offered against 1188 tons last time and practically all that was offered was disposed of, prices being about a penny a pound better than those ruling at last week's sale. Details of the draft report which is presented to the Rubber Growers Association by the sub-committee on rubber selling methods and standardisation have been published during the week. The main features of the scheme are the adoption of the inscription method of selling, and a complete scheme for standardisation. The method of selling by inscription, which involves the principle of the sealed tender for bids, is in use in Antwerp for Rubber, and is well known in Holland in connection with Tobacco selling. It is claimed that the method has been found very successful in those countries, and it has its advocates in London for some time.

The Rubber Share market is idle but there is a firm and strong and prices show very little change. The following are the chief price movements: Anglo Malay 33. Ceylon 104.4. Seafield 7. Felle Batu Caves 1. Bukit Kajang 1. Fed. Selangor 1. Golden Hope 1. Highlands 1. Kuala Lumpur 1. Loring 4. London Asiatic 1. Rubber Trust 4. Vallumbec 4. Below will be found a list of the latest dividend announcements.

Bandar Sumatra 1/2 1/2 per share less tax.  
Bengal United Tea 10/- net.  
Bank Rubber 1/4. per share less tax.  
Glen Rubber and Tea 3/- per share less tax.  
Tanjong Malim 3/6d. net.  
Rani Travancore 8d. per share less tax.  
Ceylon Prop. Tea 2/6d. per share less tax.  
Chuntee Tea 15/- per share less tax.  
Dunlop Rubber 3/- per share less tax.  
Bolyas Tea 15/- per share net.  
Anglo Sumatra 3/6 per share less tax.  
Hampden Para 1/2 1/2 per share.

The Oil market has been dull, changes wherever any are noted all lower. C. Casanovi are still steady at 55/-, Shell Transport have risen to 29/6, while V.M. Casanovi are also steady at 27/6. It is reported that a fire at Moretti has destroyed eight American wells and the Colombian Wells. Eight Astra Romana Wells belonging to the Shell group have also been destroyed.

Smalls Tin shares have been steady, and there is hardly a change from last week's prices. Tinrocks are just a shade better at 2 1/2.

Yours faithfully,  
L. POWELL, SONS & CO.

### THOUGHT FOR EMPLOYEES.

The late Sir Alfred Apperly, of Bristol, Gloucestershire, chairman of the Bristol and Glos. Chamber of Commerce, and of the Bristol Metal Co. Ltd., died at his residence, 112, Victoria Road, Bristol, on Nov. 27, aged 72. He was a member of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, and of the Bristol Metal Co. Ltd., and was a prominent figure in the business community.

## SPECIAL G.

Match at C. C. Ground.

By kind permission of the Captain and Officers, the team of H. M. S. Minotaur will play on the Club Ground during the match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Royal Navy to-morrow.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

To-morrow's Match.

Hongkong Police v. H.M.S. Tank Reserve. Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. C. Williams.

## Football Notes.

Local Football is proceeding apace. A glance at the league tables here down this column will show that all four divisions are well under way. A step further in the Hongkong League was made on Saturday last when the club met the D.O.L.L. The result was as anticipated, the score, 3-0 in no way flattering the winners. The soldiers did not impress the spectators so favourably as usual. All the scoring was crammed into the first and last few minutes of the game, the interval portion seeing the "Dukes" having most of it. The Club being at their wits end as to how "best" they, the backs and forwards were seen to most advantage. Generally the Club seem in for a lean time and one cannot see them winning a match at all on present form. On Wednesday they were defeated by the Staff and Departments, whom 2nd division teams usually look to for improving their goal average. Of course the Club were not too well represented, having only a weaker side than what they usually have, still it would appear feasible for them to have a second string capable of giving the Staff and Departments a good trouncing. It is a pity that Barlow, Hamilton, McCubbin and Hedley, to mention only a few, cannot get into trim and turn out. They could scarcely fail to strengthen the present side and their experience would have a good influence in a game. This need of experience was easily evident in the Club last Saturday, although very few of the players could be termed "youngsters."

On the Military ground last Saturday was another 1st Division match, this one in the United Services League: R.O.A. and H.M.S. Tanker providing the opposition. The gunners won fairly easily; Green having on his shooting boots and nothing the two goals. Wilkinson was a fine centre half for the Tanker and he is sure to be in the running for a place in the Navy team against the Army on Boxing Day. He was as good as anyone on the field. This win enabled the R.G.A. to dispose of the D.O.L.L. of the lead of Division 1. The Police have treated the 88th Coy., R.G.A. in a similar manner in the 2nd Division, and the men in blue can point to six wins of the reel. There is no doubt more enthusiasm in the Police ranks just now than ever before. Solid supporters can be seen hurrying across the Happy Valley to be in time for the kick off. Comfortably seated in chairs they back up the team for all they are worth. vocally. One or two, not too well versed in league tables, can be heard after a match, "Are we sure of it now?" "The Tanker will answer, "No," so that talk of a dinner to celebrate the event seems a little premature, especially as one or two places in the team might be better filled.

There are meetings of the Hongkong F. A. and the United Services League next week. At the former a complaint against a referee will be considered, and this, with the report of the sub-committee on the Interport question and a possibility of the handbook being on view, will make this meeting interesting. The League meeting has a claim for points to decide and the arrangements to make for the Navy versus Army match on Boxing Day, so neither meeting should be missed by club representatives.

There has been a slight upsurge regarding the matches between R.G.A. and R.L. The match, which was to take place to-morrow was a United Services match and not the postponed Hongkong League game. However, it is off so that it makes no difference. These teams are likely to play on Christmas morning. What a crowd would be at the Happy Valley getting an appetizer for the good things later in the day.

## The League Tables To Date.

1st Division: HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Goals	Goals
D.O.L.L. 1 2 0 0 0 5 1 4	R.G.A. 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0
R.O.A. 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0	R.L. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
H.M.S. Tanker 2 0 0 0 0 7 0 0	H.M.S. Tanker 2 0 0 0 0 7 0 0

The unfinished match, R.G.A. v. R.L. is not included in the table.

2nd Division: HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Goals	Goals
R.G.A. 1 2 0 0 0 5 1 4	R.L. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
R.O.A. 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0	R.L. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
H.M.S. Tanker 2 0 0 0 0 7 0 0	H.M.S. Tanker 2 0 0 0 0 7 0 0

3rd Division: HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Goals	Goals
R.G.A. 1 2 0 0 0 5 1 4	R.L. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
R.O.A. 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0	R.L. 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0
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Cricket.

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

Kowloon v. Officers of Indian Army. To be played at King's Park at 2 p.m. to-morrow. Kowloon—J. E. Robinson, W. L. Wessner, W. Curwen, Capt. J. Robertson, W. Kay, E. J. Edwards, J. M. Aaron, A. W. E. Savage, R. C. Barlow, E. B. Reed and J. H. M. Mead.

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## HONGKONG—NEW YORK.

REGULAR SAILINGS TO PORTS AND RETURN.

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